THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, as agreed to by the National Development Council, has projected a 7 per cent target of economic growth for the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) The National Development Council (NDC) have formally agreed to form a Sub-Committee for drawing up implementable action plans in agriculture and related issues encompassing agriculture credit system, quality of extension work, problems of drylands and wastelands and investments in irrigation which have emerged as common concerns pertaining to agriculture. The NDC's Sub- Committee is expected to submit its report within six months for inclusion in the approach paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(e) and (f) The NDC with Chief Ministers as its members, expressed broad agreement with goals and policies suggested in the Mid Term Appraisals, which would serve as a blue print for further action on development matters in the Tenth Plan.

Rural godowns

2041. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of construction of rural godown called "Gramin Bhandaran Yojana" has been started to create storage capacity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the date on which it has been launched and the achievements made, so far;

(c) what is the subsidy on capital cost available for such schemes; and

(d) in what manner the scheme is different from the scheme already in existence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Central Sector Scheme titled "Construction/Renovation of Rural Godown" (Grameen Bhandaran

Yojana) is being implemented in the country to create scientific storage capacity in rural areas to meet the requirement of farmers for storing farm produce. The Scheme came into operation with effect from 01.04.2001. Under this scheme 9483 rural godown projects with a capacity of 141.83 lakh tonne have been sanctioned upto the end of 31st March, 2005. Details are given in Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Subsidy to be provided under the above scheme is as follows:

(i) 33.33% of the capital cost of the project in case of projects located in North-Eastern States, hilly areas and those belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribes(ST) entrepreneurs and their cooperatives subject to a maximum ceiling on subsidy of Rs.50 lakhs;

(ii) 25% of the capital cost of the project to all categories of farmers, agriculture graduates, cooperatives and State/Central Warehousing Corporations subject to a maximum ceiling on subsidy of Rs. 37.50 lakh;

(iii) 15% of the capital cost of the project to all other categories of individuals, companies and corporations etc., subject to a maximum ceiling on subsidy of Rs. 22.50 lakh; and

(iv) 25% of the capital cost of the project for renovation of godowns of cooperatives with assistance from National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

(d) Operational Guidelines of the Scheme have been modified with effect from 01.10.2004. Important modifications are as under:

(i) Minimum size of the rural godown eligible for subsidy has been reduced from 100 tonne capacity to 50 tonne capacity in general and 25 tonne capacity in hilly areas.

(ii) Higher subsidy of 33.33% available for SC/ST entrepreneurs is extended to their cooperatives as well.

(iii) Sanction of projects in a State is restricted to a maximum of 20% of total capacity envisaged during Tenth Plan.

(iv) 5 lakh tonne capacity is reserved for small farmers and 5 lakh tonne for the cooperatives.

(v) Subsidy for individuals, companies, corporations has been reduced from 25% to 15% of the capital cost of the project.

Statement

Progress of rural godown scheme as on 31st March, 2005

		Sanctioned by NABARD		Sanctioned by NCDC (New)		Total new construction		Sanctioned by NCDC (Renovation)		Total	
1	2	3		4		5(3+4)		6		7(5+6)	
Sl. No.	State	No. of Projects	Capacity in tonnes	No. of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No.of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No.of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No.of projects	Capacity in tonnes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	569	2412187	56	4300	625	2416487	51	4750	676	2421237
2.	Assam	52	72781	1	650	53	73431	0	0	53	73431
3.	Bihar	1	1000	157	16150	158	17150	2	500	160	17650
4.	Chhattisgarh	137	415214	73	357000	210	772214	0	0	210	7772214
5.	Gujarat	516	248026	12	44300	528	292326	0	0	528	292326
6.	Haryana	158	1178585	66	10500	224	1189085	103	230817	327	1419902
7.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	31	3600	31	3600	0	0	31	3600
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	100	1	1950	2	2050	0	0	2	2050
9.	Karnataka	751	612898	41	14825	792	627723	1	100	793	627823
10.	Kerala	8	4917	27	8950	35	13867	8	1570	43	15437
11.	Madhya Pradesh	631	1163833	165	93050	796	1256883	120	72616	916	1329499
12.	Maharashtra	742	924651	29	1577500	771	1082151	129	261300	900	1343451
13.	Meghalaya	1	7983	34	3450	35	11433	3	300	38	11733
14.	Nagaland	1	4000	0	0	1	4000	0	0	1	4000
15.	Orissa	85	264820	0	0	85	264820	0	0	85	264820
16.	Punjab	2788	3110302	14	1790	2802	3112092	213	386350	3015	3498442
17.	Rajasthan	18	50998	27	3000	45	53998	82	4700	127	58698
18.	Tamil Nadu	25	83397	21	12000	46	95397	2	600	48	95997
19.	Uttar Pradesh	64	602827	85	143600	149	746427	693	955468	842	1701895
20.	Uttaranchal	9	23762	21	13950	30	37712	0	0	30	37712
21.	West Bengal	550	179215	91	9100	641	188315	15	1500	656	189815
22.	UTs	0	0	02	1400	02	1400	0	0	2	1400
	TOTAL	7107	11361496	954	901065	8061	12262561	1422	1920571	9483	14183132